

# CARYATIDES FRET THE ALDERMEN.

Works of Art and Medallions Needed for a Beautiful Building.

DISPUTE AS TO BIDDING.

Park President Clausen Asks for Discretionary Power, Which Is Denied.

COMPETITORS ARE VERY SCARCE.

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Councilmen and Architects Differ as to Its Size and Scope.

A NEW VOTE IS PROBABLE

Proposal Made That the Municipal Assembly Shall Decide in Joint Commission.

DEBATE ON M'CALL'S PLAN

The Resolution Which Was Adopted Last Week Is Not Satisfactory and May Be Reconsidered.

# THE TRUE STORY OF THE

Confiding Woman, the Cynical Man and the Bearded Lady.

The scene is a comfortable sitting room. Mr. Lovegood is seated in a chair, and his wife is seated on the sofa. They are both looking at a newspaper. The wife is pointing to a headline and saying: "Say, dear, in a voice that makes Mr. Lovegood almost drop his book. 'Well, what is it?' he says with a laugh, 'another real genuine bargain offer?' 'I don't know that you'd call it that,' his wife replied. 'But, yes, you might,' she continued. 'For it is a bargain offer of free medical advice.' 'Let's hear 'all about it, my dear,' said



her husband. "But you know I'm a little dubious about your bargains. Your swans so often turn out to be geese." "Well then, it's an offer by a woman (physician) to give free medical advice by letter, and it says it's better to write to a woman because a man can't understand a woman, just because he's a man, and it says, too, that it's just revolting to go to a man physician anyhow." And Mrs. Lovegood stopped because she was out of breath.

"I bet you," said her husband, "that the advertisement doesn't say she's a woman physician." "Why, yes it does," said his wife, as she looked at the advertisement again. "Well, no, I guess it doesn't say she's a physician, but it means the same thing, for it says that 'it is a woman whose experience in treating woman's diseases is greater than that of any living physician, male or female.' Mr. Lovegood chuckled and said, 'That's what I love about you, my dear. You are so ready to believe without question when there's a bargain in view. If you were a little fish, I'd catch you every time with a rubber worm if I put a bargain sign above the hook.'

"Oh! do be serious for once," cried Mrs. Lovegood. "Then, to be serious," he replied, "this woman doesn't claim to be a physician. She would claim to be a physician if she could, because she is trying to convey the impression in every other way than by a direct claim that she is a physician. She is not, therefore, a physician, and can never have practiced medicine. Yet not being a physician and therefore never having practiced medicine, she claims to have had 'experience' in treating woman's diseases, greater than any living physician. Now the question is, since she never practiced medicine, where did she get that experience?"

"Well, that is so," Mrs. Lovegood somewhat reluctantly admitted, "out there she is a woman." "I'm not so sure about that even," said her husband. "It looks to me as if some man was 'working' the women with the 'bearded lady' act."

"Bearded lady! Do you mean to say that they have dime museum freaks for doctors? Why, you must be foolish, or else amazingly prejudiced," cried his wife.

"You are too literal, my dear," said Mr. Lovegood. "What I mean by the 'bearded lady' act is that some man is posing as a woman, writing over a woman's signature or using a woman as a stalking horse, assuming a woman's character to mislead. The 'bearded lady' of the show is always a freak and generally a fraud. The point in this advertisement we are discussing is that you are asked to 'write to a woman,' the implication being that the woman is competent to give and receive your question and valuable medical advice. But as it isn't specified that the 'woman' is a physician, there's no infraction of the law. The probabilities are that there isn't a qualified doctor around the place, and the whole so-called 'medical correspondence' is done by a lot of girl clerks."

"Exactly, my dear," continued her husband, "and suppose the woman in the advertisement is a real woman and not the 'bearded lady,' there's your dressmaker, who is also a woman, not to speak of Mrs. Flannigan, the cook's mother, who is a really excellent woman. If a woman's not a doctor, then it's foolish going to a stranger hundreds of miles distant for the sympathy which friends at home can better supply. And as for a man not understanding woman's diseases because he's a man, that is the cheapest sort of clap-net. Who have done the doctoring in the past two thousand years? The men. Where must the modern woman physician go for her knowledge? To schools taught by men and books written by men. If this woman, who claims men don't understand woman's diseases, should ever take to the study of medicine, she'd have to be taught everything she knew by the men who don't know anything, according to her opinion. The problem is, how a man who doesn't know anything about woman's diseases can teach a woman to know everything about them. I give it up."

"Then you wouldn't write," said Mrs. Lovegood, doing fully.

"Write, what for?" said her husband. "Write to a woman? What's the use of writing to a woman? If you want to write to a doctor. The first question in sickness is not a question of sex, but a question of medical

ability and qualifications. There's no sex in medicine anyhow. If you want to write, why not write to a man of medical standing, a specialist like Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y.? You know he's a regularly graduated doctor. You know he's a good one and at the head of a great medical institution. You know he's had thirty years' experience, and has, with the aid of his staff of nearly a score of skilled specialists, treated more than half a million women, who freely confided in the integrity of the man and the skill of the physician. President Garfield once said of Dr. Pierce, 'he is one of the best men in the world, and heads at the head of one of the best medical institutions in the world.' There's nothing new about his free consultation by letter, my dear, it has been a feature of Dr. Pierce's practice for years, in fact, for more than a quarter of a century. Write to him because you'll get



the best advice and no string tied to it, so to speak."

"But," quailed Mrs. Lovegood, "do you think even though Dr. Pierce is a qualified physician, and ranks so high as a specialist, he can treat disease by correspondence?"

"I don't see why not," answered Mr. Lovegood. "Medical science is wheeling into line with everything else, and dropping the hocus pocus of the middle ages. The divinity that hedges the priest and physician is a thing of the past. A man is taken for what he is and what he can do. Of course, the members of the profession who are not specialists would naturally fight an innovation which took away their patients and their profits. But when a new idea makes for public good it can't be destroyed. They used to say no steamer could be built to cross the Atlantic. She couldn't carry coal enough. One prominent Englishman, then leader in the House of Commons, in the heat of a debate declared, 'that if ever a steamer crossed the Atlantic he'd eat it, machinery and all.' I take it that the objections to treatment by correspondence have as little foundation in fact as the objections to the possibility of steamships crossing the Atlantic."

"It reminds me of that story about the man who had been arrested for some offense. He sent for a lawyer, who, when he had heard the story, said: 'Why man alive, they can't arrest you for that!'

"But," said the prisoner, 'they've done it!'

"It does not seem any use to argue about the possibility of being treated successfully by correspondence with Dr. Pierce when there are thousands of people to stand up and say, 'We have been successfully treated by Dr. Pierce and his staff of specialists.'"

"Then," said his wife, "it doesn't follow that any and everybody could treat successfully by correspondence. It is a movement in advance of ordinary practice by those specially qualified, who have given special study and special effort to some branch of medicine. Is that your idea?"

"Precisely, my dear," Mr. Lovegood answered, preparing to continue his reading. "You have got the whole thing now. It isn't because some one advertises to give medical advice by correspondence that you can necessarily assume the advice will be valuable or helpful. Anybody can make such an offer. It is wise to go behind the promises and the claims made and see if they bear investigation. In Doctor Pierce's case the closer the examination of his claims and record the greater the confidence which he will inspire. Dr. R. V. Pierce is at the head of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., a medical and surgical institution, which in its scientific equipment, its laboratory, its staff of nearly a score of experienced physicians and surgeons and its variety of daily practice, is on a footing with any medical and surgical institute in the country."

And just here the infant heir of the house of Lovegood voiced a message to "a woman" who was in every way qualified to give him the desired attention, which she promptly did.

# PIANOS.

Talk about pianos is particularly interesting this season of the year. The question is where to get the most for your money. If you want a first-class instrument at medium cost buy a KROEGER; if a cheaper piano will do, examine these:

**7 BARGAINS 7**

THAT CAN'T BE DUPLICATED ANYWHERE—FULLY WARRANTED, TEST THIS STATEMENT.

Chickering	833
Whitney	60
Decker	85
Chickering	100
Steinway	160
Stierling	175
Wissner	200

**PINE SQUARE PIANOS, \$25 UP:**  
Easy Monthly Payments from \$3.  
**CHARLES & MAYER,**  
633 Fulton St., Brooklyn,  
Bet. Hudson Ave. and Rockwell Place.  
OPEN EVENINGS.

## JOSEPH H. BAULAND & CO.

FULTON, DUFFIELD AND BRIDGE STS.

### A Week of Bargains.

Our new annex, on Bridge street, which was to be completed in time for our great Christmas trade, is not ready. Hence the great Holiday Stocks which have been pouring in upon us cannot be stored any longer. How to make room is the problem, but price reductions can best solve problems, so tomorrow we start upon a campaign to move out a million dollars' worth of brilliant merchandise at the lowest prices ever quoted in Brooklyn. Here are particulars:

#### Phenomenal Bargains in Coats.

##### Lined Kersey Jackets.

\$5.00 Considering the excellence of the cloth, the costliness of the lining, the superiority of workmanship, it makes this lot of coats the best and biggest bargain—Black only—all sizes from 32-44—three different makes to choose from.

##### Tan Kersey Jackets.

\$6.75 This ought to be a special inducement. The Kersey is the best, the lining is good, the make is faultless. It is simply a proposition to save our customers about \$3.00. Tomorrow will surely be a day of bargains.

##### Astrachan Cloth Jackets.

\$7.50 The richest and glossiest kind of cloth, with a short, tight curl, more like Persian strappings of Kersey. The very best black Satin for lining.

##### Castor Kersey Jackets.

\$9.98 These are better than any garments ever offered for \$15.00. A very jaunty cut, rounded corners, shapely lapels, stitched tailor straps one inch wide on front and back, and lined with a most beautiful ombre striped taffeta. A remarkable garment for this price.

##### All the Newest Capes.

Plain cloth, rough cloth, Plush or Velour, shaped into garments full of grace and beauty. Furs, braids, beads, and fine silks for lining judiciously employed to give each cape the proper finish.

##### Black or Tan Capes.

\$8.95 Richest quality Kersey and the best satin lining form the foundation for these Capes. The blacks have deep ruffles and the tan are made with straps.

##### Astrachan Cloth Capes.

\$8.75 A real wintry-weather garment—good, warm, comfortable. Long and amply wide to wrap up in. Sable around the collar and front, and thoroughly well lined with Satin Rhadame.

##### Silverware Special.

Quadruple plated Cream Pitchers and Spoon Holders, gold lined, prettily engraved. 49c value, \$1.25; Special Customer, \$1.00 (One to each customer).

##### Groceries and Fresh Meats.

Monday is always a stirring day here in groceries, where shoppers know the purest goods are always obtainable and at prices more moderate than is usual elsewhere. We list a few of our values for Monday:

Flour, 1/2 Bbl. Best Minnesota Patent	55c
Bauland Brand, one sack to each customer.	
Hams.	
After the Turkey feast of Thanksgiving we've arranged a change of diet in the way of a Ham Sale.	
2,000 small selected best sugar cured pig Hams, weighing about 9 lbs. each, Bauland Brand, per lb.,	9c
Also 1,500 small lean strips of Armour's best sugar cured Rib Bacon, per lb.,	9c
Fresh Meats.	
Fresh Loins of Pork, cut from Jersey pigs, per lb.,	7c
Spring Lamb, hind quarter, lb.,	12c
Spring Lamb, fore quarter, lb.,	8c
Boston Roast of Beef, per lb.,	8c
Chuck Steak, 3 lbs. for,	25c
Butter, 5 lb. pail best Elgin Creamery Butter, Bauland Brand, \$1.25	
Wines, Liquors & Cigars	
Genuine Pepper Whiskey, 4 years old only 3 bottles to a customer, 37c per bottle,	
H. B. Kirk's Old Crow Whiskey, per bottle,	95c
Usher's Scotch Whiskey, imported in glass, per bottle,	95c
Extra fine and pure California Claret, per gal.,	54c
St. Julien Claret, vintage 1893, per doz. full quarts, 2.09 per bottle,	23c
Very old Port, Sherry, Tokay or Angelica, fine blood maker, per gal, 1.09; per bottle,	34c
Hochheimer or Laubenheimer, imported from Max Guttman, per case, 4.19; per bottle,	44c
Eastern Rye Whiskey, XX, per pure and mellow, per gal.,	\$2.24
Mt. Vernon Pure Rye, 6 years old, per gal., 2.84; per full quart bottle,	78c
Guckenheimer, Finch's Golden Wedding Whiskey, 8 years old, per gal., 3.24; per bottle,	85c
Very old and fine Blackberry Brandy, per gal., 1.09; per bottle,	38c
Hub Cocktail, all varieties, very fine, per bottle,	49c
Creme de Menthe C. Spillat, per bottle,	65c
Old Irish Whiskey, 8 years old, per gal., 3.69; per bottle,	89c
Standard Cigars, combination filler, a well seasoned Cigar and mild smoke, per box 50,	65c
Royal Gem Cigars, a fine combination filler and pleasant smoke,	99c
Favorite Colors, Sunnara Wrap per & Havana filter, per box 50, \$1.49	

#### Gloves.

Women's 2-clasp Kid Gloves, made of prime stock, by workmen who know how to make a glove so that it fits well. Colors are tan, brown, gray, red and white, on sale Monday at, per pair, 69c

Women's perfection Kid Gloves—2-clasp, button or hook—perfection in quality, style and workmanship. For the money there are no better gloves made; every pair fully warranted. They come in tan, brown, red, gray, green, pearl, white and black, on sale Monday at, per pair, \$1.00

Men's 4-clasp Kid Gloves, in tan, red and brown, warranted. On sale Monday at, per pair, \$1.00

Children's kid Mittens, with fur tops, on sale Monday, per pair, 49c

Children's black woolen Mittens, on sale Monday, per pair, 15c

Women's fleece lined cashmere Gloves, in black, on sale Monday at, per pair, 10c

Women's black woolen Mittens, on sale Monday, per pair, 15c

#### Notions.

Three tables loaded full—see what 1 cent will do to-morrow. We want to lessen stocks, so we make you this offer:

TABLE NO. 1, comprises:	TABLE NO. 2, comprises:
Ironing Wax, 100 yd. Spool	1/2 yd. Garter Elastic, Dress
Cotton, Safety Pins, Hooks and Eyes, Pearl Buttons, Agate Buttons, Thimbles, Tape Measures, Anything on this table take at.....	Steel Sticks, Corset Sticks, Shoe Laces and a host of other things.
	1c
	We give you your choice of anything on this table, each, yd., set or doz., at.....
	5c

TABLE NO. 3, COMPRIZES: Dress Shields, 1/2 yd. silk Garter Elastic, Machine Oil, 3 spools 200 yd. Machine Spool Cotton, and Hand Supporters. Your choice on this table at.....

#### Seal Plush Capes.

\$9.98 According to quality of Plush and the trimming, \$20.00 is a nearer approach to their worth. They are 18-22 inches long, trimmed with Thibet or Skunk, curved rolling collars—some are plain while others are trimmed with braid and beadings. Very rich garments.

#### Electric Seal Jackets.

\$18.75 We will continue as long as we possibly can to give this, the greatest of fur values—but the limit of supply depends upon to-morrow's demand. Of this particular kind the quantity on hand is not very large. To be punctual means a saving of at least \$10.00. See the lining in these garments.

#### A Wrapper Sale.

63c. To our knowledge wrappers to equal these on sale to-morrow have never been sold for less than 98c—\$1.25. The best of German elderdown in very pretty designs, with sufficient cording to set them off nicely.

#### N. Y. J. Coupon.

This coupon will entitle the bearer to one of these beautiful Mahogany finish ROCKERS, with laid lines, a very beautiful Rocker. These Rockers are worth \$3.50 and the quantity is limited to 250, so better hurry.

\$1.98.

#### Choice Candies.

This department is virtually a store in itself. You can get and see almost anything suggesting choicest Confections, Favors, Mottos, Baskets and Boxes; in fact, a very carnival of good things for both young and old. For to-morrow, Monday, Old Fashioned Chocolates, 29c, lb. Italian Chocolate Creams, 40c, lb. Chocolate Opera Caramels, 29c, lb. (Sold only here—special.)

#### Shoe Bargains.

The "Rumsey" is the ladies' mannish walking boot that we're so proud of. It is a boot made of the very best kid, box calf and patent leather also, strictly hand sewed, and comes in all the newest shapes of lasts. The regular price of the "Rumsey" is \$6.00; the price we're charging \$3.50.

The Department falls into line for the making-room campaign with enthusiasm and makes the following offers, to start to-morrow morning:

Ladies' Shoes, made of good wearing kid, button or lace, patent tip, coin toes, value 2.00, at	\$1.39
Ladies' Shoes, made of choice vici kid, button or lace, patent tip, hand sewed welts, value 3.00, at	\$1.98
Youths' Shoes, made of satin calf, spring heels, sizes 9 to 13 1/2, value	98c

#### Big Reductions in Stoves.

Excellent Direct Draught Heater—body made of sheet iron, base and dome of ornamental iron, acknowledged the superior of all for quick, hot fire, manufacturer's price \$3.50—special to-morrow, \$1.68

Beautiful Self-Feeder, elegant dome and base, in fact, the most perfect, handsomely ornamented heater manufactured, guaranteed in every particular, cost \$3.50, sell for \$1.50, put up, with pipe \$5.78 and elbow, this sale, to-morrow, \$1.68

A singular controversy has arisen between President Clausen, of the Park Department, and the Board of Aldermen on the subject of sculptural art. The Board was asked to approve a request for the expenditure of \$12,000 without public letting for special artistic work on the new east wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A portion of the contract is for caryatides, or columns formed of draped female figures, to support an entablature. The other part calls for medallions to decorate the facade. Mr. Clausen in a letter addressed to the president of the chamber called attention to the fact that this was a case in which it would be extremely hazardous to trust to public advertising for bids.

There were, he said, only three or four firms in the city of New York which made a specialty of such sculpture. It was highly desirable to secure the very best of these to do the work, and he believed that no mistake made in the caryatides and medallions would simply be a blotch upon a beautiful structure, for which the city is paying about \$700,000.

**Art Not Exclusive.**

Francis J. Byrne, who is the representative from the Tenth Brooklyn District, is opposed to Clausen's plan. He refuses to believe that there is anything exclusive in art, any more than in constructing a sewer or a monkey house in the park. He, therefore, insists that the matter should be left to the Committee on Parks or the Building Committee to order public letting and "give everybody a chance."

Such matters are usually left to the discretion of the Committee on Finance. This course was adopted when the Police Board was permitted to contract for printing the ballots by private arrangement six weeks ago.

Mr. Muh, who, as chairman of this committee, sits as a Sinking Fund Commissioner, has endeavored to assure Mr. Byrne that it is not the intention of the Park Board to give all the work to one contractor, but to so distribute it, after competitive bids, that the best results will be obtained. He maintains that he knows as much about art as any member of the Finance Committee. By reason of his dogged determination to resist "any intrusion by stone carvers on the rights of Aldermen, even though they possessed all the highest gifts of ancient Greece and Rome," he has won over several of his colleagues from Brooklyn, and they will "fight it out."

**Byrne Likely to Win.**

Aldermen Goodman and Folks said yesterday that the idea of the Aldermen assuming knowledge of high architectural excellence was amusing, if not ridiculous. "To let some cheap fellow come along and spoil the grand design of that museum building," said Goodman, "would be little less than a public crime."

Mr. Byrne probably will carry his point, however, unless the majority in the chamber rally to Mr. Clausen's aid. The subject has been recommended to the Committee on Finance, which must make its report on Tuesday. One object of the Park Commissioner was to secure work which the Municipal Art Commission will approve, as it has the final word on all such matters.

**A German Cake Walk.**

Great preparations have been made for the annual carnival and Bazaar ball of the International Verbundenen Bauen Verein, of New York and vicinity, to be held at Tammany Hall on December 3, 1898. Among the special features will be a German cake walk for handsome prizes; also a gorgeous ballet arranged by Professor C. M. Alveni.



**Bismarck Statue at Wiesbaden.**

Monuments to Prince Bismarck are springing up all over Germany. This is a fac-simile of the latest, which was recently unveiled. The pedestal shows a figure of Nassau paying honor to the statesman and a boy reading from the book of Bismarck's sayings. The figure itself is an admirable composition and a striking likeness. It is to Bismarck that Wiesbaden owes the fact that it is no longer the residence of a reigning prince. However, its old sovereign has found a new throne in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the Wiesbadenians of to-day have forgotten the days before 1890 in their increased prosperity, the town having since then quadrupled its population.